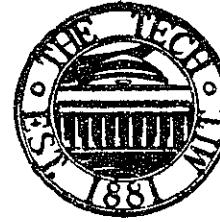


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Three Housecomms In Meetings; Topics Vary From Wash To Dance

The problem of laundry for East Campus residents dominated the first part of the House Committee meeting of that living group. Student owned and operated laundry machines were suggested as one possibility and a straw vote indicated that an investigation of such action might be well worth while. The setup would be much like that now present in Burton House, which has been very successful in their establishment of such a system. This fact is evidenced by the very fine returns made on the machines; for almost sixty per cent of the 1,000 dollar Inscomm loan has been paid since last November. If such a plan were effected it would be necessary to have someone to keep the records of the project, a three hour per week task, and also someone to keep up maintenance on the machines.

East Campusites will be glad to hear that Talbot Lounge and Crafts Lounge are an excellent possibility for renovation. Such a project would encompass paneling, rugs, and furniture. Also in the fire is the idea of a Dance Lessons program. Lessons would be given by professionals to groups of fifteen or twenty at a minimized cost. The opposite sex would, of course, not be left out and this feminine element, so necessary to successful dancing, would be supplied by

nearby girls' schools.

The Burton House Committee limited the business at their meeting to two items. First, the house Hobby Shop, is now under construction and tools are now being bought. Not to be neglected at Burton are the finer arts, for it was announced to the delight of all present, that a new piano will soon be moved in for the musicians in that living group.

Baker House has combined its Long Range Planning and Improvement Committees and with this new setup each member will be assigned a project which he will be completely responsible for. Other action at the House Committee meeting for that group: It was brought out that Dormcon is considering a motion to give each house the right to restrict its hours below the maximum set by that body. Baker, however, wants the right to extend these regulations, also.

Ten broken windows, victims of recent snowball duels, will be payed for out of house funds. On the more vital side, a civil defense program is being organized for Baker by Joe Haigh '57, it was announced; and a motion was also passed that makes a two-thirds vote of Housecomm necessary before a member of that body can enter into a binding contract which would apply to his successor.

Variety Of Foreign Opportunities Are Now Open To College Students

Study opportunities for American students at British summer schools in 1956 are: study of Shakespeare at Stratford; an introduction to 17th century England at historic Oxford University; courses in English and European culture in the capital cities of London and Edinburgh.

March 26 is the closing date for applications for admission and award to the four British universities.

The University of Vienna Summer School at St. Wolfgang, Strobl, Austria, will offer courses open to American students from July 15 to August 25, 1956. Closing date for admission is June 15, 1956. Closing date for the competition for eight scholarships is April 15, 1956.

Designed to promote better understanding between Europeans and Americans, the curriculum features beginning, intermediate and advanced German courses and courses in Austrian art and music, the formation of

the modern European mind, and the history of Middle Europe. Psychology, political science and law are also offered. Courses other than German will be conducted in English. To be eligible for entrance to the three or six-week courses, American applicants must have completed at least two years of college work by June.

An opportunity for summer study combined with outdoor vacation life at a mountain lake, the school is held on a large estate on the shore of Lake St. Wolfgang in Austria's Salzkammergut district. In addition to course work, the summer school's \$200 tuition will include trips to Salzburg and the festival, and to nearby places of interest. Students will also be able to arrange an excursion to Vienna.

The eight scholarships are available to well-qualified students who would be unable to attend the summer school without financial assistance. Applicants for these awards or for general admission should write to the Institute of International Education in New York.

Group studies in the Phillipines, Japan, Germany, Denmark, Jamaica, Colorado, San Francisco and Russia with the Lisle Fellowship are also possible for a limited number of students. Lisle Fellowship of Ann Arbor, Michigan, has announced.

Lisle Fellowship units in 1956 will include: San Francisco, Calif., June 18 to July 30 (for 40 students and young adults); Lookout Mountain, Colo., July 20 to August 31 (same); Jamaica, July 1 to August 12 (15 from the U. S. to be joined by an equal number of Latin Americans at location); Denmark, July 1 to August 12 (\$600); Germany, July 20 to August 31 (\$600); Japan, June 28 to August 31 (\$1585); Phillipine Islands, June 28 to August 31 (\$1585).

In addition there will be a tour to the Soviet Union. The rate will be \$1495. for members and \$1650. for non-members. It will include visits in Denmark, Sweden, Austria and France.

Library Hours

SPRING VACATION

Science Library	
Regular Schedule	
General	
Friday, March 23	9-5
Saturday, March 24	9-4
Sunday, March 25	Closed
M-F, March 26-30	9-5
Saturday, March 31	9-4
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Sunday, April 1	Closed
Monday, April 2, All Libraries resume regular schedules.	
All Libraries (except Science) closed on April 19 (Patriots' Day) and May 30 (Memorial Day).	

Inscomm Tables Hazing Motion; Elects 7 Subcommittee Chairmen

Elections of subcommittee chairmen, Liaison Council and Finance Board members were held at the Institute Committee meeting Monday night. The following men were voted into position:

Secretariat Chairman, Dick Hughes; Finance Committee Chairman, Jay Hammerness; International Program Committee Chairman, John Holmfeld; Freshman Coordinating Committee Chairman Stan Kroder; Public Relations Committee Chairman, Dick Bleden; Student Committee on Educational Policy Chairman, Bob Batchelder; Liaison Council members-at-large, Trond Kaalstad, Jay Schmucker, Helmut Weymar; Finance Board members, William Hagge, Arnie Amstutz, Bob Jordan, Dick Brandes; National Student Association Chairman, Ben Chertok.

The Freshman Coordinating Committee concerns itself with such things as Freshman Weekend, freshman advisers, and orientation programs.

The Secretariat takes care of the secretarial work of Inscomm along with

inside-Institute publicity regulations, elections, and the social calendar. The National Student Association cooperates with other colleges in planning student programs and conferences, while the Public Relations Committee has the oftentimes difficult job of securing publicity for the Institute in the various communications media over the country.

SCEP, formerly the Student-Faculty Committee, recently completed a study of the cumulative rating system. All of these organizations are directly responsible to Inscomm and derive their power and existence therefrom, with the chairmen giving both oral and written reports to Inscomm from time to time throughout the year.

Brief discussion was held on the Leadership Council conference to be held the weekend of April 14. Proposed subjects to be taken up at the conference include the purpose of student government, the communications problem between government and student body, the freshman orientation and counseling program.

Once again the hazing issue was brought up. A motion was presented to set up a committee with the specific purpose of studying the relationship between hazing and school-class spirit. The motion was tabled until next meeting.

LSC Presents "The Silent World" To Capacity Crowd In Auditorium

Members Of Q Club Confer With Faculty

A small subcommittee of the Quadrangle Club met Tuesday afternoon with the Faculty Committee on Student Environment, along with Institute Vice President in charge of Industrial and Government Relations, Edward L. Cochrane, and Dean of Students, E. Francis Bowditch. The groups met to discuss the hazing motion which the "Q" club presented to Inscomm Execcom Sunday night.

The object of the motion was to "minimize the dangers involved (in hazing), but to maintain the advantages by a new system of controlled hazing. It intended to do this through the formation of a hazing sub-committee of Inscomm which, working with representative organizations of both the Freshman and Sophomore classes, would dole out authority for approved organized hazing activities.

The administration faculty members felt basically that although the motion was made with good intentions, its end effect might possibly be a full scale reversion to hazing as it has existed. Although they fully recognized a definite need for spirit within the student body, the advisors felt that "combat" which has often existed in the past is "out of taste" and the risks taken therein unnecessary. The suggested substitute for hazing was a slight reversion to freshman rules.

Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau, famed underwater research expert, was on hand in Kresge Auditorium Tuesday night for the third showing in the United States of his film, "The Silent World". The film is feature length, and highlights the underwater career of Captain Cousteau.

In keeping with the title of the movie there are many scenes in which the silence of the deep is the only narration. One is whisked through the unique underwater spectrum of coral reefs and tropical fish with Captain Cousteau's aqua-lunged skin divers.

Probably as interesting as the underwater scenes is the equipment itself. One sequence shows the use of underwater "scooters"—electric, torpedo shaped devices which pull the divers with ease through the water. The maneuverability of the aqua-lung apparatus is contrasted with the clumsy helmet suit of a Greek sponge diver, and a decompression chamber is used to combat the feared "bends."

Some of the more interesting scenes included, a "porpoise overture" in which over two hundred porpoises are filmed dancing around the ship; a speared whale being devoured by killer sharks; the befriending of a fish which the divers nicknamed Ulysses; and the exploring of a barnacle encrusted ship.

Captain Cousteau, who directed the film, is the co-inventor of the aqua-lung and is recognized internationally for his submarine motion pictures. Before the showing of the film he gave a short talk explaining its production. The purpose of the feature length



film is to "highlight the work of the past twenty years before we go on to greater depths." Research was halted for four months so that the filming would be unhampered.

Captain Cousteau commands the "Calypso", a specially outfitted research ship, and is also an officer in the French Navy. His work is sponsored by the French Navy as well as by international scientific societies. Much of his photographic equipment has been designed by Professor Edger-ton of MIT, who has been on many of the expeditions. His latest development is an underwater camera and flash unit which takes successive pictures for a duration of three hours at depths greater than a mile. The device is being used to study unusual radar soundings sent back from deep layers of water.

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EDITORIALS

Committees And Confusion

Student government cannot function satisfactorily without the interest and respect of the undergraduate body. In its present form, it cannot command that respect or attract that interest.

An ostensibly disconnected group of committees, theoretically connected by a labyrinthine organization chart, student government at the Institute is to the vast majority almost incomprehensible. Its recent elections for subcommittee chairmen and other affiliated positions served as fitting testimony that there are not enough informed, interested and experienced people to fill these supposedly essential posts. The need is obvious—it is for simplification.

The procedure is more difficult. It must begin with a reevaluation. What problems must student government solve, on what issues of joint student-faculty or joint student administration policy must it voice an opinion? Presumably, the answers to these questions are known. How can these ends best be served? Apparently, the answer to this question is not known.

To further its own interest, student government must paradoxically form a committee to study the elimination of committees—it must take steps to streamline itself.

The Court of Chancery

Activities Council—in its present form unwieldy and unprofitable—should be completely reorganized. Supposedly the Council handles inter-activity disputes, serves as a center for the exchange of information, the discussion of ideas and the furtherance of cooperation among the various activities.

Actually, last year it undertook a long and largely inconclusive investigation of the Tech Engineering News; made some changes in its structure which, although an improvement, are of little value; and held a "Leadership Conference." On the strength of its performance in its two years of existence, Activities Council has been a waste of time.

The President of Activities Council sits on Institute Committee. He has a vote. Presumably he represents all students in all activities on all issues. Actually, the activities have little interest in much of the business transacted by Institute Committee. Actually, the opinions and interests of students in activities are so varied that it is ridiculous to have one man, purporting to represent all of them, cast votes in their behalf.

Presumably, Activities Council is a center for the exchange of information, development of ideas, and promotion of cooperation between the various activities. Actually, there is little need for and little value in the exchange of ideas between such diverse groups as the Nautical Association and the Combined Music Clubs. There are few common ideas that need development. The need for cooperation between some of the activities can be filled satisfactorily outside of the Council.

In practice the Activities Council has proved of little, if any value. In theory, it is unsound.

A Streamlined System

The needs which prompted the formation of the Activities Council can best be served by a new system. There are common problems between similar activities. Activities Council was of little help in solving them. Groups of similar activities: publications, social organizations, professional societies—have some common problems, and some disputes. These can be solved not by a committee of all the groups, but by individual groups: a publications council, a liaison committee of professional societies or of social organizations and so on.

If there is need of an individual to present the position of the activities on particular issues, there could be an activities coordinator—he might be the Undergraduate Association Vice-President. Informed on impeding legislation, he could discuss the matter in question with the various groups involved, meeting with involved groups only if they

or he feels it necessary. In the event that disputes involving dissimilar activities crop up, he could act as arbitrator.

The unnecessary waste of time brought about by the diverse nature of the Activities Council, the meaningless voting representative now provided and the loss of respect and interest which follows such complicated confusion would be eliminated. The road would be clear for better activity relations and more streamlined student government.

Blind Faith

The Amherst Student, summarizing recent faculty opinion, states that "the next ten years will show if the fraternity system is truly an integral part of Amherst's liberal education tradition." At the Institute, even following the Clark tragedy, blind faith is affirmed in the fraternities as an integral and valuable part of the Institute community. A little over a decade ago, Amherst studied its fraternity system and made changes. Since then, it has been consistently on the lookout for improvement.

Fraternities at the Institute have been generally ignored. True, the glaring faults, restrictive clauses and initiation procedures, have been largely corrected; but the place of the fraternity in the Institute educational system has been ignored. No evaluation has been made; no attention has been paid.

Apparently the difference between liberal and technical education is bigger than we had thought.

the music box

So that you can plan your musical calendar ahead, *The Tech* is presenting a discussion of the outstanding concerts that will be held in Symphony Hall during the next month.

This evening Marian Anderson, the great Negro soprano, will present a varied recital which should prove of interest to everyone. Miss Anderson, one of the leading and best loved sopranos of the day is also one of the leading sopranos for the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York. She has received international acclaim and anyone hearing her is immediately impressed by the warmth of her singing. This evening at Symphony should be a memorable one to all those that attend. The open rehearsals for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, which are held on Thursday nights provide an inexpensive way to hear this great orchestra. In addition you get the experience of watching a famous conductor rehearse—all for \$2.00. The only drawback is that the seats are all unreserved. The Boston Symphony will continue with its regular Friday afternoon, Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon concerts until May first, Tuesday, when the Boston Pops Orchestra again under the baton of Arthur Fiedler, will present nightly concerts through the 30th of June except for the 10th, the 17th, and the 24th of June. The upperclassmen who know about these concerts won't want to miss them completely and the freshmen and other students new to Boston have a real treat in store. The seats are all removed from the orchestra of Symphony Hall and are replaced with tables and chairs. Then, while enjoying the symphony, you dine on fine wine (or tonic) and sandwiches served throughout the performance. If you are pinching pennies, you can sit in the balcony at the unreserved seat price of only \$.50.

And if you plan to attend summer school you can spend those hot, humid, restless evenings lying on the grass of the Esplanade listening to the "Pops."

April 29th may very well prove to be the high point of the musical season when Walter Gieseking gives a recital in his Boston appearance this year. Mr. Gieseking, a German pianist, is considered by many to be the finest pianist alive. Banned from appearing in the United States for many years after the war because of his sympathy to the Nazi government, Mr. Gieseking was known to many Americans through only his records.

Several years ago, he was finally allowed to enter the States and has excited audiences wherever he has performed. His situation was very much the same as David Oistrakh's, although for entirely different reasons. Two years ago Mr. Gieseking was scheduled to appear in New York and then in Boston the very next day. Olin Downes, the music critic for the New York Times reviewed his recital by saying that although many mistakes in his playing were very noticeable, the recital was one of the finest he had ever heard.

Proper Bostonians reading this the next morning were filled with apprehension for they wondered just what he had meant. That evening they discovered it exactly. Mr. Gieseking, although technically disappointing at times (this is attributed to his wine, women, and song, attitude during the last war where he let his music slip) played with such feeling, had such exquisite interpretations and performed so delicately, that one completely forgot about his sloppy technique, the music itself far outshadowing anything else.

Because of this style Mr. Gieseking is best suited to playing compositions of the romantic composers and, consequently, the greater portion of his programs are just that. We are certain that you will not want to miss Walter Gieseking's recital and suggest that you write for tickets immediately to insure good seats.

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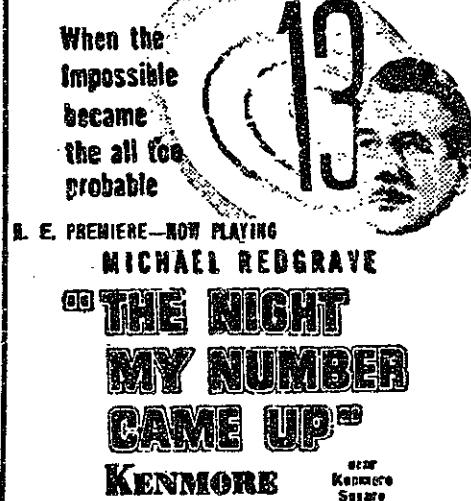
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by John J. McElroy '59

The Grad House pucksters took this season's intramural Hockey Championship with their victory over Theta Chi's squad.

In the last games of the finals, Sigma Chi dumped Burton House 3-1. Bill MacArthur '56 scored all three goals for the victors. In a killer-diller, Theta Chi edged out Sigma Chi's ice-men in 14:50 of sudden death overtime. Theta Chi's Len Glaeser '57 scored the decisive goal.

The last two finalists, Grad House and Theta Chi, met on March 13 in what was a hard fought match. The first period went scoreless. Don MacLellan got the puck for the Grads in the second period. Theta Chi retaliated in the same period with another goal scored by Bill Bayer '58. The score stayed tied, 1-1, during the third and fourth periods. After twenty-seven minutes of overtime, Roland Bealieu scored, giving the Grads a 2-1 victory.

Because the Bostonish weather pushed the finals into the very last days that the rink was kept iced, the scheduled Intramural All Star-Freshman Hockey game was unfortunately called off.

As the finals in intramural volleyball draw near, five of the eight leagues are tied up. Four more league

games are scheduled before the vacation.

Phi Delta Theta and Phi Gamma Delta A are on the top of league 1, both having 2-2 records. In the second league, Graduate House's A squad, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are tied for first place. The Grads have a good chance of taking the league title since they have two more games to play; having won both contests that they participated in. Beta Theta Pi A and TEP Club are sharing top honors in league 3. The fourth league honors are shared by Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Chi A; both have 2-0 records. Delta Kappa Upsilon has secured top place in league 5 while the sixth is tied up. Burton House Student Staff and Phi Mu Delta both have taken three contests and have one more to play. League 7 honors were taken by the Graduate School of Architecture who have dominated league action throughout the season. Sigma Phi Epsilon were the victors in the eighth league with a 4-0 record; Graduate House's B team took second with 3 wins, one loss. The Grad's one loss was to Sig Ep in a 15-18, 15-9 match.

Regular volleyball play should be terminated by the Tuesday after vacation. Play-offs will be held to decide top teams in each league. The second week after vacation, the volleyball finals will be conducted.

athlete of the week

Varsity Track Captain John Morefield, holder of eleven MIT Records.

John Morefield, holder of 11 of MIT's track and field records, and proud possessor of many regional and national titles, more than deserves the right to be Athlete of the Week.

John, who was brought up in Harrisburg, Pa., attended high school at Mercersburg Academy. He participated in basketball during his sophomore and junior years, but surprisingly didn't step onto the track until his senior year. The talents of this rather husky youngster, John was 6' 3" and weighed 190, were quickly recognized by coach Jimmy Curran. John wasted no time in taking advantage of this valuable coaching ability, and was able to place second in the National prep school championships in the shot put. At the end of the year he was elected co-captain of his high school team.

As a Freshman at MIT he worked under coach Arnie Arresen on the shot, hammer, discus and javelin, setting freshman records in the first three of these. He was elected Freshman Athlete of the year by the Quadrangle Club, and was elected, along with Tommy Hoffman '56, as co-captain of the Freshman track team. In his sophomore year he qualified on the sophomore field day relay team. This ability was unbeknownst to John as he ran a 10.8 100 in high school. Though bothered by a back injury that year, he was Mid-Atlantic shot put champion and 4th in the ICAAAA championships. He also set the Mid-Atlantic hammer record, which he broke again last year. Last year John placed 4th in the ICAAAA 35 lb. weight throw, he placed third in the shot, and he again broke his Mid-Atlantic hammer record.

John now stands 6' 5" and tips the scale at 240 lbs. He recently broke the intercollegiate record for the 35 lb. weight, but placed second in the meet. The first week of the second term this year he placed 4th in a N.Y.A.C. meet with a put of 52' 8" behind Parry O'Brien, who holds the world record, and two former ICAAAA champions. John, who is the captain of this year's team is looking forward to making this his last year of collegiate competition, his best.

Activity-wise John has not confined himself to the 2 hours a day that he puts in at the cage. He has been a member of the Q club, beaver key, the secretariat, and the MIT Symphony Orchestra. In his junior year he was made chairman of the elections division of the secretariat. In his junior year he was also Secretary-Treasurer of his class, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Prom Committee. He has been IFC representative, member of the executive committee, and president of his fraternity, Sigma Chi.

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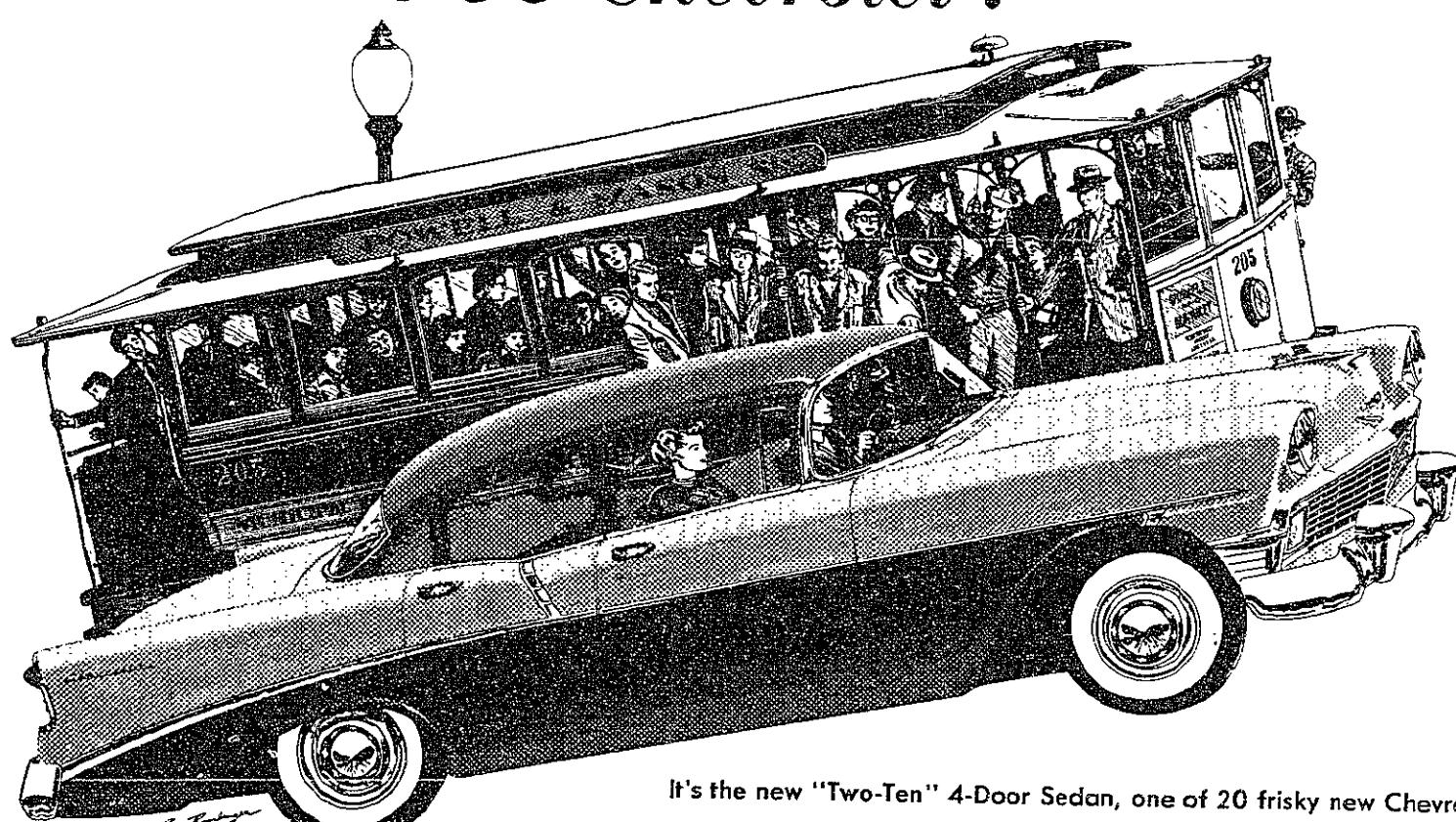
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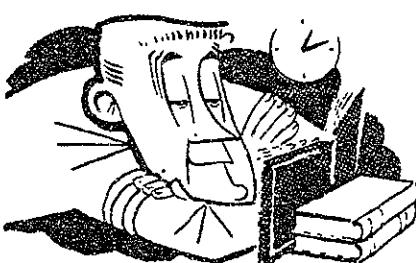
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